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1. In Mukden, Changchun, and Chinchou, all hospitals, even to their corridors and offices, are crowded with troops from Korea.*
2. Approximately 1,500,000 (sic) men has been recruited as stretcher bearers from villages in Manchuria.
3. On 7 January 30,000 Soviet troops arrived in the Tungtaying (東大營) area, Mukden, bringing the total number of Soviet troops in the area to 50,000.** In addition there are 10,000 Mongolian troops, of whom one-third are cavalry, in the Tungling area.** All troops in the area are in Chinese Communist uniforms.
4. The 512 Factory of the Mukden Arsenal has been reconstruced and is operating at 40 percent of capacity.*** The railway factory in Mukden has returned part of its machinery from Tsitsihar and is expected to resume operations in mid-February. The arsenal at Poian is operating at 60 percent of capacity.
5. On 8 January three Soviet battleships**** arrived in Port Arthur.
6. An airplane factory in Chiamussu is producing***** aircraft, including jets with swept-back wings.
7. In early February elements of the "Huang Ho Unit"***** were at Fangcheng (124-05, 40-28).

Comment. [redacted] states that the shortage of hospital beds in Manchuria and North Korea has made it necessary for wounded troops to be sent to hospitals in China proper.

Comment. [redacted] reported the arrival of 20,000 Soviet troops at Mukden. It is believed that Tungtaying is the former Japanese barracks on the Mukden's eastern suburb, called Tungling. See also [redacted]

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*** Comment. An independent Nationalist source reported that in early February the Mukden Arsenal was operating 24 hours daily, producing 30,000 rounds of ammunition.

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**** Comment. It is believed that an error in identification has been made.

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**** Comment. Presumably assembling aircraft.

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***** Comment. This is the Chinese Communist 41 Army.

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